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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 10, the word "driver" should be modified to "drivers". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kwak (6,698,369). In regard to claims 1-2, 4-9, and 12-14, Kwak discloses an embroidery machine comprising: a plurality of sewing heads (12) installed at an upper portion of a working table while being spaced a predetermined distance apart from each other; a plurality of embroidering frames (336) being moveable in X-and Y-axis directions (col. 12, lines 34-51); a plurality of X-axis drivers for moving each of the embroidery frames in the X-axis direction; a plurality of Y-axis drivers for moving each of the embroidery frames in the Y-axis direction; a controller (337) for controlling driving of the X and Y axis drivers; and an operating panel (30) for displaying all information required for an embroidery pattern and an operation of embroidering and

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enabling input of information (col. 9, lines 8-10); and wherein the sewing heads are grouped into at least two working groups, each of the embroidering frames (336) is arranged for one of the working groups (col. 12, lines 34-40), and the embroidering frames (336) have at least two different structures fig (21).

It is expected that the machine has multiple shuttles beneath the embroidery frames since shuttles are an essential element in the embroidery process. Also, it is shown in fig. 21 that the embroidering frames have more than one structure.

In regard to claim 15, Kwak discloses an embroidery machine comprising: a plurality of sewing heads (12) installed at an upper portion of a working table while being spaced a predetermined distance apart from each other; a plurality of embroidering frames (336) being moveable in X- and Y-axis directions (col. 12, lines 34-51); a plurality of X-axis drivers for moving each of the embroidery frames in the X-axis direction; a plurality of Y-axis drivers for moving each of the embroidery frames in the Y-axis direction; a controller (337) for controlling driving of the X and Y axis drivers; and an operating panel (30) for displaying all information required for an embroidery pattern and an operation of embroidering and enabling input of information (col. 9, lines 8-10); and wherein the sewing heads are grouped into at least two working groups, each of the embroidering frames (336) is arranged for one of the working groups (col. 12, lines 34-40), and the embroidering frames (336) have structures identical to each other (fig. 21).

Allowable Subject Matter

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Claims 3, 10, and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 3 specifically requires that the plurality of units corresponding to the plurality of heads are installed at each of the work groups and are integrally formed on each other when the embroidery frame is the tubular frame unit or the cap frame unit.

Claims 10 and 11 specifically require that the operating panel be located at a boundary between two working groups when the two working groups are used.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tajima et al. (5,474,001) discloses a multi head embroidery machine. Hayashi (5,937,774) discloses a multi-head embroidery machine with different types of worksheet holders.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K Kauffman whose telephone number is (703)605-4933. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F every week.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on (703)305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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